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FOR: CERAMIC HEATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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*3.* 3. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1, wherein said ceramic substrate comprises a nitride ceramic or a carbide ceramic.

*A*  
*4.* 4. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1, wherein said insulating covering comprises oxide glass.